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MILK PRODUCTION

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MINNESOTA'S AUGUST MILK OUTPUT UP 2 PERCENT

August 2005 milk production totaled 685 million pounds in Minnesota, up 2 percent from the 670 million pounds produced in August 2004, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. Revised July milk output was 687 million pounds.

Minnesota production per cow averaged 1,505 pounds in August 2005, up 65 pounds from last August. The revised July rate was 1,510 pounds per cow. The average number of milk cows on farms in Minnesota during August 2005 was 455,000 head, the same as July, but down 10,000 from a year ago.

Accumulated Minnesota milk production for the first 8 months of 2005 was 5.55 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the same period a year ago.

AUGUST MILK PRODUCTION UP 5 PERCENT IN MAJOR STATES

Milk production during August 2005 totaled 13.6 billion pounds, up 5 percent from August 2004 in the 23 major states. Revised July production for the 23 states was 13.7 billion pounds. Production per cow in the 23 states averaged 1,665 pounds during August 2005, up 64 pounds from August 2004. Revised July output per cow was 1,681 pounds. The number of milk cows in the 23 major states during August averaged 8.15 million head, up 52,000 from a year ago.

Accumulated milk production in the 23 major states for the first 8 months of 2005 was 108 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the same period a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION, MAJOR STATES

	MILK COWS			RATE PER COW			MILK PRODUCTION			
State	Aug 2004	July 2005 Rev.	Aug 2005	Aug 2004	July 2005 Rev.	Aug 2005	Aug 2004	July 2005 Rev.	Aug 2005	2005 as % of 2004
	Thousand Head			<u>Pounds</u>			Million Pounds			<u>Percent</u>
CA	1,733	1,760	1,763	1,775	1,775	1,790	3,076	3,124	3,156	103
ID	431	460	466	1,850	1,960	1,940	797	902	904	113
MN	465	455	455	1,440	1,510	1,505	670	687	685	102
NY	654	647	647	1,500	1,600	1,600	981	1,035	1,035	106
PA	560	561	562	1,475	1,610	1,575	826	903	885	107
WI	1,240	1,236	1,236	1,510	1,600	1,585	1,872	1,978	1,959	105
23 States	8,102	8,145	8,154	1,601	1,681	1,665	12,970	13,692	13,573	105